

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (currently amended) A coupling apparatus for mounting an add-on passenger restraint system to a vehicle seat having an anchorage, the coupling apparatus comprising:

a retractor affixed to the add-on passenger restraint system,

a coupling member for coupling to an anchorage,

an extension member having opposing ends wherein one end is attached to the retractor and the other end is attached to the coupling member;

wherein the coupling member comprises an articulating connector configured to engage the anchorage, said articulating connector includes a housing with a mouth opening toward the anchorage and further includes an articulating jaw disposed within said mouth being moveable between an open position and a closed position whereat it engages the anchorage.

Claims 8-10 (cancelled)

11. (currently amended) A coupling apparatus for mounting an add-on passenger restraint system to a vehicle seat having an anchorage, the coupling apparatus comprising:

a retractor affixed to the add-on passenger restraint system,

a coupling member,

an extension member having opposing ends wherein one end is attached to the retractor and the other end is attached to the coupling member, the coupling member being configured to engage the anchorage;

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wherein the coupling apparatus conforms to FMVSS 213 ~~[[or FMVSS 225]]~~
extant in October 2003 member includes a frame with a mouth having a seat configured
to receive said anchorage, said coupling member further includes a lever movably
mounted to said frame with an end, said end includes a finger and an engagement portion
with said end extending beyond said seat, said lever has a normally closed position
wherein said finger substantially covers said mouth and an open position wherein said
finger is substantially removed from said mouth, said coupling member further includes a
stop member and a biasing member, said stop member being configured to normally
engage said engagement portion to resist the movement of said lever from said normally
closed position to said open position, said biasing member acting between said frame and
said lever, said biasing member normally urging said stop member and said engagement
portion into engagement.

Claims 12-17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (currently amended) A coupling apparatus for mounting an add-on passenger restraint system to a vehicle seat having an anchorage, the coupling apparatus comprising:

- a portable child seat,
- a retractor affixed to the portable child seat,
- an extension member comprising a first end and an opposing second end, the first end being attached to the retractor, and
- a coupling member attached to the second end of the extension member, wherein the coupling member is configured to engage the anchorage, said coupling member

including a housing with an articulating jaw being moveable between an open position and a closed position whereat it engages the anchorage; and;

wherein the ~~retractable~~ coupling apparatus is configured to thread upwardly through an upper tether redirection system attached to the vehicle proceeding downwardly away therefrom to mate with the anchorage.

Claims 19-20 (canceled)

Claim 21 (currently amended) A coupling apparatus for mounting an add-on passenger restraint system to a vehicle seat having an upper anchorage and a lower anchorage, the coupling apparatus comprising:

a portable child seat,

a first retractor affixed to said child seat;

a upper tether having a first end attached to a said first retractor affixed to the child seat and a second end ~~coupled to~~ having a connector configured to engage the upper anchorage,

a second retractor affixed to the portable child seat,

an extension member comprising a first third end and an opposing ~~second~~ fourth end, the first third end being attached to the second retractor, and

a coupling member attached to the ~~second~~ fourth end of the extension member, wherein the coupling member is configured to engage the lower anchorage.